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\*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: US forces are continuing major operations close to Saigon and Da Nang where heavy contacts with Communist forces have recently been reported.

On 19 June 249 Communist soldiers were killed in Operation CONCORDIA 17 miles south of Saigon in Long An Province. US losses were 32 killed and 126 wounded. This battle involved two battalions of the US 9th Infantry Division and an estimated three enemy companies.

Also on the 19th, US Marines killed 50 enemy troops in Quang Nam Province 28 miles southeast of Da Nang in Operation BEACON TORCH. Seven Marines have been killed and 31 wounded since the operation began on 17 June.

There are increasing indications that the 24th North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Regiment, reinforced by other newly infiltrated NVA units, have completed preparations for launching a major offensive against allied Special Forces camps in northwestern Kontum Province.

25X1 [redacted] elements of the 24th NVA Regiment along with another unidentified regiment have deployed to positions northeast of Dak To Special Forces camp and other nearby allied garrisons. Since mid-May, pressure on New Life Hamlets, outposts and reconnaissance patrols in the Dak To area has increased sharply, culminating on 17 June with the shelling of both Dak To and nearby Dak Saeng Special Forces camps. [redacted]  
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Aden: [The security situation in Aden has taken a turn for the worse.]

On 20 June, Arab troops mutinied in protest of the dismissal of Arab officers from the newly formed South Arabian Army. British troops attempting to quell the rebellion triggered a general strike and several demonstrations.

This new outbreak of violence occurred only 24 hours after British Foreign Secretary Brown announced that the South Arabian Federation would be granted formal independence on 9 January 1968 and that the UK would provide limited military assistance to the army and naval and air protection against external aggression. The Front for the Liberation of South Yemen and the National Liberation Front--two organizations carrying out terrorist attacks on the British in Aden--are opposed to any British protection of the new government, which both would like to dominate.]

[The number of terrorist incidents in Aden has increased since the outbreak of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Appeals from Cairo radio to destroy the British and American position throughout the Middle East sparked strikes which paralyzed the port. Additional British troops were flown in on 19 June to resume port operations essential to British forces. Further violence can be expected.] [REDACTED]

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